

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway for rail vehicles having sleepers embedded in a carriageway panel and a reinforcement[[,]] which comprises plural longitudinal rods and transverse rods disposed in the carriageway panel parallel and transverse to the sleepers, ~~characterised in that~~ the longitudinal rods (~~11, 12, 13~~) and transverse rods (~~10~~) are being electrically isolated from one another.

2. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the longitudinal rods (~~11, 12, 13~~) and transverse rods (~~10~~) are electrically isolated from one another at the points of intersection.

3. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterised in that in the overlap region~~ wherein overlapping regions of longitudinal rods (~~11, 12, 13~~) extending parallel to one another ~~and/or coupled together~~ are electrically isolated from one another.

4. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to ~~one of the~~

~~preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein a spacer (14) is disposed between two rods to be isolated from one another.

5. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the spacer (14) comprises a first section at least partially engaging ~~round the first~~ around a rod and a second section at least partially engaging around ~~the a~~ second rod.

6. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first and second ~~section~~ sections of ~~[[a]]~~ the spacer (14) are formed in the shape of a segment of a circle and are adapted to the outer diameter of the rod.

7. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to ~~claim~~ 5 or 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first and second ~~section~~ sections of ~~[[a]]~~ the spacer (14) are offset at 90° with respect to one another.

8. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to ~~one of claims 5 to 7, characterised in that~~ claim 5, wherein the two sections of the spacer (14) are formed as clips.

9. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to ~~one of claims 4 to 8, characterised in that~~ claim 4, wherein the spacer (14) ~~consists of~~ comprises a resilient material[[,]] ~~in particular of a plastics material.~~

10. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to ~~one of claims 4 to 9, characterised in that~~ claim 4, wherein the longitudinal rods (11, 12, 13) are isolated by spacers (14) from the transverse rods (10) which are formed ~~for example~~ as lower booms of a grid support (6, 7) of a sleeper (4).

11. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein in a sleeper (4) having two grid supports (6, 7), spacers (14) are only mounted on one lower boom of a grid support (6, 7).

12. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3, characterised in that~~ claim 1, whereby, in the case of two rods to be isolated from one another, at least one rod has an insulating coating.

13. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to claim 12, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a transverse rod (10) having the insulating coating is formed as ~~the~~ a lower boom of a grid support (6, 7, 22) of a sleeper (4).

14. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to claim 13, ~~characterised in that~~ whereby, in the case of a sleeper (14) having plural[[,]] in particular two grid supports 6, 7, 22) with four lower booms (18, 19), only one lower boom (18) of a grid support (22) has the insulating coating.

15. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to claim 13 or 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the lower boom having the insulating coating has a different height position from the other lower booms.

16. (Currently amended) Fixed carriageway according to ~~one of claims 13 to 15, characterised in that~~ claim 13, wherein the sections of the grid support (6, 7, 22) adjoining the lower boom have an insulating coating.

17. (Currently amended) Method of manufacturing a fixed carriageway for rail vehicles having sleepers embedded in a carriageway panel and a reinforcement[[,]] which comprises disposing plural longitudinal and transverse rods ~~disposed~~ parallel and transverse to the sleepers, ~~characterised in that~~ and electrically isolating the longitudinal rods and transverse rods ~~are installed electrically isolated~~ from one another.

18. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 17, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the longitudinal rods and transverse rods are installed electrically isolated from one another at the points of intersection.

19. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 17 or 18, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the longitudinal rods extending parallel to one another ~~and/or coupled to one another~~ are electrically isolated from one another in ~~the~~ an overlap region.

20. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of claims 17 to 19;~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 17, wherein a spacer is disposed between two rods to be isolated from one another.

21. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 20; ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the spacer is clipped on to the rods.

22. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of claims 17 to 21;~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 17, wherein at least one transverse rod is formed as a lower boom of a grid support of a sleeper and is provided with an insulating coating.

23. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of claims 17 to 22,~~  
~~characterised in that the~~ claim 22, wherein sections of the grid support adjoining the  
lower boom are provided with an insulating coating.

24. (New) Fixed carriageway according to claim 1, wherein overlapping  
regions of longitudinal rods extending parallel to one another and coupled together  
are electrically isolated from one another.

25. (New) Fixed carriageway according to claim 1, wherein overlapping  
regions of longitudinal rods are coupled together and are electrically isolated from  
one another.

26. (New) Fixed carriageway according to one of claim 4, wherein the  
spacer comprises a plastic material.

27. (New) Fixed carriageway according to claim 13, whereby, in the case  
of a sleeper having two grid supports with four lower booms, only one lower boom  
of a grid support has the insulating coating.

28. (New) Method according to claim 17, wherein the longitudinal rods extending parallel to one another and coupled to one another are electrically isolated from one another in an overlap region.